

Friday 10 March 2023

Dear Families

### **Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU) – Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March**

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is continuing with their planned strike action over the next couple of months. This is a national strike regarding a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will impact Dixons Allerton Academy on Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March.

While we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government which could see some strikes cancelled, we have had to make plans for these days on the assumption that action will be taken on that date.

Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school on this date.

**School will remain open to all Year 11 students, who are preparing for their GCSE examinations, and those who are deemed to be vulnerable or have additional needs. All Year 11 students will be expected to attend as normal.**

We will confirm directly with those families of children in years 7-10 who will be able to attend school via a phone call from a member of the inclusion team.

**School will be closed to students in Years 7-10, and those in Post-16. Students in these year groups will be expected to work from home.**

All students will be expected to attend the academy as normal on Friday 17 March 2023.

We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure that we can provide an appropriate level of supervision and ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, we will send further information about how they can access their timetable and work for that day. We will post links on our website and communicate arrangements to you in advance of Wednesday.

**For any families who have children entitled to Free School meals, we will be offering the option of a lunch 'grab bag' that can be collected from our reception from 12noon on both the Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please follow this link to complete the form to enable us to prepare appropriately. <https://forms.office.com/e/4R7WVZCqYB>**

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, I will advise you as soon as possible.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Danny Carr  
Principal



